


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Attorney Docket No.	20243CA
First Inventor or Application Identifier	Batra et al.
Title	Compressed Tablet Formulation
Express Mail Label No.	EL523906658US

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**  
See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.ADDRESS TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form  
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- b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33 (b).
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☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. 09 / 312.617

Prior application information: Examiner S. Sharareh Group/Art Unit: 1619

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Sir: This is a request for filing a ☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional application, under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending application Serial No. 09/312,617 filed on May 17, 1999 (DATE) of Udit Batra et al. (INVENTOR)

for Compressed Tablet Formulation (TITLE OF INVENTION)

1. The enclosed comprises a copy of prior application Serial No. 09/312,617, as filed on May 17, 1999. The entire disclosure of this prior application is hereby incorporated by reference.

2. The filing fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW**

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Total Claims	34	-	20	14	x	\$18	\$252	
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4. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
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5. ☒ Cancel in this application original claims: 17-23.
6. ☒ Preliminary amendment enclosed.
7. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 enclosed.
- 8a. ☐ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file.
- 8b. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.
- 9a. ☐ Priority of application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ (COUNTRY) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- 9b. ☐ The certified copy of the priority application has been filed in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
10. ☐ The prior application is assigned to \_\_\_\_\_.
11. ☐ The undersigned attorney or agent has:
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